A MOST

Strange and Prodigious

ACCOUNT

Being the Monſtrous

Life, Death, and Character

OF The Ladies

What D'ye Call'm

Fugit Irrevocabile

Writ by a Gentleman

'WHen Hiſtorians undertake to Write the Actions and Life of any Perſon who has made a buſtle in the World, they uſually begin with a particular Accouut of his Family; now as I am willing to comply with the Laudable cuſtoms of my fellow Writers, yet I ſhall not (like them) blow up my Hero with high ſounding Lies, but fairly confeſs, that he's of a very obſcure Deſcent, being what we commonly call a Dunghill-Breed.

YET mean as his Birth is, almoſt as many Nations contend for the place of his Nativity, as Cities of Greece did for HOMER'S.

He is by ſome thought to be of French Extraction, but the favourers of that Opinion urge no other Arguments, beſides his Levity and Airy carriage ſo peculiar to that Nation.

The Welch claim him for their Countryman, and Enforce it with a ſtrong proof(viz.) his ſtinking breath, as proceeding from Leeks and toſted Cheeſe.

Some alledge him to be an Indian, becauſe, following the Faſhion of that Country, he goes Naked, even in the coldeſt weather.

The Iriſh (contrary to their old cuſtom of claiming kindred) diſown him; tho' his windy Cracks make ſome conjecture, that at leaſt he had his Education in M———ſter.

Above all others the Scots lay the beſt claim to him, he being an undoubted Emblem of that Nation, (for like 'em) once he leaves his Native place, he never Returns (and like them) is to be found in every Clime; but the ſame Argument wou'd likewiſe prove him a Jew. He had a Brother who was indeed a Scotchman, but ſtrugling to be uppermoſt, tho' he gain'd his point, got a ſtrain in the Encounter, whereof he Expir'd.

From his Birth his Actions made a great Noiſe in the World, and tho' they ſhou'd want an Hiſtorian, they loudly ſound their own Praiſe, yet let him ſay what he will in favour of himſelf, he ſtinks in his Neighbours Noſe.

I ſhan't be too Circumſtantial in Relating what PASSED, during his Minority, but ſhall proceed to thoſe of his more advanc'd Age; only I muſt take Notice, that he has given the World reaſon to believe him Extravagant in his younger Years, being often in the Cuſtody of BUMS, from whom he commonly made his Eſcape thro' a Privy BACK DOOR.

I cannot tax him much with Cowardice, tho' indeed he never dare vent his Fury but behind backs, ſince the Report of him is ſo great that 20 Iriſhmen will fly from him, tho' he never draws a Sword.

His Military Experience cannot be doubted, for to my knowledge he has been often preſſed, particularly to the Sea Service, where for his turbulent Spirit he was uſually kept under Hatches.

He has gain'd the Character of a very wary Soldier, for he always ſecures a Retreat; and being Train'd in the Parthian Diſcipline does moſt Execution Flying.

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Before the Wars he is chiefly employ'd as an Herald, and sent to defy the Enemy. He is much addicted to Company, but whoever introduces him, is always asham'd of his rude behaviour. He frequently intrudes undesir'd, where he LET's FLY his often repeated Joaks, and Vents his UNSAVORY EXPRESSIONS, to their great uneasiness, and distate. But if any one Restrains is insolence (tho' to all appearance he puts it up) his intentions are soon smelt out, he's so apt to catch his next Neighbours by the Nose.

It is strange that a Person of his Education shou'd be so Ill-bred, for he has been at the University where his chief study was Phy sick, and he Cures the Cholick, and eases Nature, after a more quick, speedy, and infallible manner, than any Mountebanck can pretend to.

He was admitted into the Royal Society, was the first Inventor of the AIR PUMP, and made many useful Experiments in SOUNDS and SMELLS.

We might reasonably suppose that he has some small smattering of the Law, he being a great wrangler and a pritty constans attender at the Court when there's any Business.

He's such a bad Tenant, that he's often serv'd with Ejectments, every Body knowing it's much better to have a House empty, than that the Neighbourhood should be pester'd with such a Nucence.

His Religion is the Presbyterian, as appears by his haranguing extempore, in which (like them) he's very much assisted by Coghing, and Hawking. In Politick he suits himself to his Company, I have seen none of his Writings, but am assured he's the only Champion for the Whiggs against the Bishop of Corke.

He's very BLUSTRING and GRUMBLING within Doors, but when he goes out 'tis soon over.

He's very nimble and quick in the dispatch of BUSINESs, but once sent an Errand, never returns. He's likewise a Musitian & delights much in Wind Musick.

In Ladies company he's Silent out of Complaisance, because he knows they love to have all the discourse to themselves. His Life resembles that of the Grashhopper, merry tho' short, for he continues cheatfully Singing till he makes his Exit.